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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS
TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND
ALL DISTRICTS
(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Treasurer and Tax Collector to transfer a total of \$4.415 million to the County General Fund for Fiscal Years 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 unclaimed secured and unsecured property tax overpayments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This letter requests Board approval to transfer unclaimed property tax payments to the County General Fund.

Revenue and Taxation Code Section 5102 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to transfer to the County General Fund any property tax payments for which refunds are permissible and for which a claim for refund has not been filed within four years of payment.

When overpayments or double payments occur, the Treasurer and Tax Collector attempts to identify the person making the payment and refund accordingly. If the Treasurer and Tax Collector is unable to identify the person making the payment, a notification is sent to the assessee of record indicating that a claim for refund can be filed with the Treasurer and Tax Collector. All unclaimed monies are maintained for a minimum of four years during which time claims for refunds are received and processed.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This request provides for the transfer of \$4.415 million to the County General Fund. An accrual for this amount has been established in order to recognize this revenue in Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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Treasurer and Tax Collector

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